

Health and Safety Risk Assessment Form

Site Ref:	LGFA:0007	Activity:	Climbing	Location:	Kent Scouts Activity Centre, Lower Grange Farm, Maidstone.
Scout F/S no:		Area:	Indoor climbing wall	Persons at Risk:	Everyone
NGB:	Association of British Climbing walls.	Risk Assessor:	Debbie Smith (CWIA)	Date:	01/04/2021

Risk Levels:- L = Low; M = Medium; H = High (Use L-M, or M-H to indicate intermediate risk levels, if necessary)

(NB: Risk Levels in last column indicate anticipated scores after Action is taken)

Hazard (What might cause harm?)	Risk(s) (What harm might be caused?)	Risk Level Before Action L/M/H	Current Control Measures and/or Action to Reduce/Eliminate Risk (Including action by whom and by when)	Risk Level After Action L/M/H
Untrained staff	Serious/fatal injury	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors must hold either of the qualifications, CWI, CWIA, RCI, GGUK Level 1, or Scout Leader/ Supervisor permit. • Additional training sessions to be run as required. 	L
Skill fade	Serious/fatal injury	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular training and assessments of staff will be carried out. 	L
Unauthorised use	Minor/serious/fatal injury	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climbing/boulder area will be roped off and outer door shut and locked when not in use and only a qualified instructor can access the key 	L
Finger trap in the bolt hangers fitted to the wall	Serious injury	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal instructions to all climbers about the dangers of the bolt hangers 	L
Equipment: Wear & tear. Incorrect use.	Serious/fatal injury	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All equipment is checked each session by the group supervisor. All equipment is additionally checked periodically by an appropriately trained person and the result is recorded in the equipment log. This includes noting excessive or un-expected wear. • Any equipment which is brought into question or thought to be no longer fit for purpose must be quarantined in line with the inspection procedure and subjected to examination by the technical adviser/other competent person. 	M/L
Fall from wall during a top rope climb	Minor/serious injury	H/M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top rope belayer must be tailed by a qualified person or designated rope leader unless the belayer has completed an open session competency test or NICAS level 3 • Rope leader to ensure the top rope is sufficiently tensioned to allow climber to move through the route unhindered. 	L

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climbers monitored to ensure they stay on their climb and do not traverse to other routes 	
Incorrect belaying	Serious/fatal injury	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear and detailed explanation and demonstration of the belay method by the approved person/supervisor. • Close supervision of the whole of the belay method including additional support during lowering. • Approved persons/supervisors are to either tail the dead-rope at all times or knot the rope at intervals unless the belayer has completed an open session competency test or NICAS level 3 	L
Fall from bouldering wall	Minor/serious injury	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climbers are given clear instruction and are observed by the approved person/supervisor. Helmets are to be worn during this activity by under 18's attending a teaching class. • The approved person/supervisor may choose to use 'spotting', a support method, if deemed necessary. • All participants instructed to climb down from problem 	L
Participants left unattended	Minor/serious injury	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will not be left unattended and all sessions are to be overseen by Instructors that must hold either of the qualifications, CWI, CWIA, RCI, GGUK Level 1, or Scout Leader/supervisor. Floor walking to take place in open sessions. • General Induction and ongoing training and assessment for staff. 	L
Incorrect clothing/equipment (i.e.-footwear, Jewellery)	Minor/serious/fatal injury Entrapment	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate clothing and footwear to be worn correctly and checked by supervisor. No barefoot climbing (climbing shoes are available if instructor deems necessary) • Supervisor to ensure all jewellery is removed where possible 	L
Struck by falling items (equipment, climber)	Minor/serious/fatal injury	H/M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participants are instructed to remove any items in their pockets and to make sure shoes are secured. • All participants attending for GCSE purposes must wear helmets and not use the auto belays. 	L
Incorrect use of the auto belays	Minor/serious/fatal injury	H/M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participants wishing to use the auto belays must have an induction before use. • First time use will be overseen by a member of staff. • No helmets will be worn in open session where auto belays are used. • Signage displayed to remind climbers of proper use. • Floor space marked out as climbing zone. 	M/L

Signed:	Debbie Smith (CWIA)	Risk Assessor	D Smith	Signed:	A Bewick	Manager	Andy Bewick
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